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GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR — THE TRUTH

Reward

By ELEANOR BAILEY

That they might know thee.—John 17:3

To know Thee in Thy fullness, Lord,—
Is all my heart's desire.
Sin's pleasures long have mocked me, and
Have scarred as with a fire.

I heard Thy wondrous pleading, Lord,
Received Thy grace divine;
I turned with joy, my fetters gone;
Said: "Take this life, 'tis Thine."

How did it happen, precious Lord,
My first love grew so cold?
I saw some lovely things, not marked
As sins I'd known of old.

The cost of walking every day
By faith, and not by sight,
I had not counted, for I thought
The whole way must be light.

Came darkness, fear, then faithless heart—
"Oh, wherefore didst thou doubt?"
My Lord's voice through the storm I heard,
"I will not cast thee out."

Lord, fill me with Thy Spirit now,
Whate'er the cost may be,
A glorious recompense I'll know,
In likeness unto Thee.—S. S. Times.

THE GROUND OF

EPH. 2:20 — I TIM. 3:15

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Notices

Our district convention will convene at Cairo, Ga., April 17-19, D. V., with our beloved state overseer, J. P. Hughes, in charge. Come, and on Sunday bring baskets of good things to eat. We are expecting every minister on the district to call off your meeting on that date and be here. We want to do all we can on the aged ministers' fund. All who have not paid their 40c on general indebtedness, let us do so by then. Also we want all of our folks to subscribe for the Church of God Evangel. Let us see what we can do on that date. Then those who have questions to ask, let us prepare them and turn them in to Brother Hughes as he is an expert Bible teacher and his ability to explain the Bible is great. Now don't disappoint me and say you can live it at home. You need this great meeting! Come! Come! You are welcome.—J. B. Weeks, district overseer of Cairo district.

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The Somerset, Pa., district convention of the Church of God will convene in Meyersdale Pa., April 10-12 instead of Johnstown, Pa., because of the fact that the city of Johnstown was almost completely wrecked by the recent flood and it is now under martial law and a thirty-day quarantine. No one is admitted except by passes, on business. All churches on the district, please note this and carry out the same plans as we announced before for Johnstown. All come and expect God to graciously bless.—Your brother and servant, J. A. Bixler, district overseer, 345 W. Patton St., Somerset, Pa.

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We are in a meeting now at Shady Grove, near Magee, Miss., and as far as we know now we will be here just this week. Any one desiring our service in a revival anywhere, get in touch with us at Magee, Miss., Rt. 1, c|o S. B. Webb.—D. A. Sanders, evangelist.

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OKLAHOMA BRIEFS

Our state preachers' meeting was fine. Our fellowship meetings on Sunday afternoon are proving a great blessing to our churches. We visited our new church at Hobart recently. They have nineteen very enthusiastic Church of God members.

District conventions are as follows: Perry district, April 10-12; Murphy district, April 17-19; Ada district, April 24-26; Ravia district, May 1-3; Lawton district, May 8-10; Ft. Towson, June 5-7. Let each district overseer and pastor prepare to make this the best district convention your field has ever enjoyed. Advertise and build up enthusiasm among your people. Do your best to have a perfect report on all lines. Go after the missions.—Yours very truly, S. J. Wood, state overseer.

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Rome district convention of the Church of God will convene April 17-19 inclusive, at the city auditorium, Rome, Ga. A good time is expected. There will be good speakers and good singing. "Can any good thing come out of Rome?" Come and see.—W. H. Black, district pastor.

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Church of God young people of Kentucky: You will be glad to know that we have succeeded in securing the valuable service of Brother Lowell McCoy as our state Y. P. E. superintendent. He is a young man of fine reputation and character, and best of all, is a very deep spiritual young man and a good singing teacher. He is a brother of Prof. Otis L. McCoy. He will be expecting to teach singing in connection with his other work. I would be glad that our pastors secure his service in this line. The Y. P. E. work has never been organized and cared for in this state as it should have been but we are now waking up and we hope to have the co-operation of the pastors and Y. P. E. workers. Each district will need a district superintendent and we will be glad you will write Brother McCoy, recommending such persons as you think are qualified on your respective districts. Several recommendations from each district will be appreciated. Write Brother McCoy in care of me, 137 Cotter Ave., Somerset, Ky.—John C. Jernigan, state overseer.

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To whom it may concern: I am at present in a revival here. The meeting began March 23 and I will probably be here two weeks. If you wish to write me, my address is 201 Rankin Road, Alcoa, Tenn., c|o J. A. Queen. Pray for the revival.—C. E. Richard.

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We are having a wonderful revival in Greenwood, S. C. From thirty-five to forty are in the altar every night, seeking the Lord. Sixteen have received the Holy Ghost. God surely is blessing.—Pauline Jackson, 308 Parker St., Greenwood, S. C.

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Church clerks in Alabama: Come on with your mission money. We want to be up by the state convention. We are planning to buy a tent to use in new fields this year. When remitting please state if you are up to date or the balance.—M. D. Harwood, Ala. Mission Treas., 716 First St., Pratt City, Ala.

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The Church of God at Decatur, Ala., would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother A. J. Eddins. If no information is received concerning this brother, by next conference, his name will be dropped from the church records.—Lily Euline Lee, 1605 5th Ave. So., Decatur, Ala.

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The next General Asembly will convene in Chatanooga, Tensnessee, October 2-8, in the Memorial Auditorium, with new modern public address system.

Main Hall, Community Hall, Wheland Hall, Lobby, and the address system are offered to us absolutely free of charge.

In compliance with the ruling of the last General Assembly which assigned the selection and arrangements for the meeting place of the next Asembly we are here making the announcement at this time (March 25, 1936).

The councilors have reecived and considered all the propositions submitted to them, and each one submitted his vote which has been recorded. We find that a large majority have decided that under the circumstances Chattanooga is the best.—J. H. Walker, General Overseer.

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We are in a revival in Oconee, Ga. The Lord is blessing. Thirty were in the altar last night. Please ask the Lord to continue to bless.—J. B. Conner, pastor.

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The Cambridge, Maryland district convention will convene in Easton, Md., beginning Friday evening April 10-12, inclusive. This district includes the following churches: Cambridge, Easton, Grasonville, Eldorado. We urge all ministers to be present and the laity as far as possible. Come on, one and all, let's put this convention over the top. Come and enjoy the feast of the Lord.—F. B. Marine, district overseer.

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The Delta district convention will convene at the Stonefield church, between Charleston and Holcomb, April 24-26. Brother T. M. McClendon, our state overseer, will be in charge. I am asking each pastor to be present with a report of his work up to date.—M. C. Cockrell, district pastor, Gen. Del., Shaw, Miss.

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To whom it may concern: There will be all-day services at Grayson church, April 12. Welcome, one and all. Come and enjoy the presence of the Lord. We are planning on having an Easter program in the afternoon, so come on and bring your program. All who wish to attend are welcome.—Hazy A. Williams, 507 Mississippi St., Monroe, La.

Prophecy, Tongues, and Knowledge, Appointed For The Good of the Church

ROY E. BLACKWOOD

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away."—1 Cor. 13:8.

AS the above scripture has been under fire by the tongue fighters and lots of the holiness fighters for some time, I feel it necessary for various reasons, to make, or do some research work from the original Greek, in which the New Testament was originally written. I do not feel it necessary to dig out from the Creek to get knowledge concerning salvation, only where we are dealing with scriptures that have been under fire by some critic, or where the scriptures seem a little dark on the subject being considered.

We want to take up the first clause of the verse:

CHARITY NEVER FAILETH

According to the Dictionary of Greek Words, the above word, "faileth" came from the Greek word "ekpipto," No. 1601 in the Greek Dictionary, which we find means to never drop away, never be driven from one's course, or never become inefficient, never fall away, never take any effect.

I take the position that charity abideth now, is the greatest asset to the Christian religion, and will continue even after prophecy, tongues, and knowledge have been done away with and proven useless. Charity never faileth. Charity should accompany all gifts. Charity is the proper seasoning for all of our activities in the church age, in which we now live.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal." Any thing we should undertake for the Lord, or do for the Lord, if LOVE does not lead the way, surround us, and accompany the act, it is not effective, and misses the mark entirely. In order for us to be accurate, as a religious marksman, what we do must be controlled, and governed by charity. Charity should be mixed and mingled with prophecy, tongues, and knowledge; in fact, it must be in everything we undertake for God.

It is no wonder the eminent apostle Paul said in his letter to the church at Corinth, "Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing."

Let us turn to the Commentary and Critical Notes by Adam Clarke, LL. D., F. S. A., a new edition condensed and supplemented from the best modern authorities by Daniel Curry, LL.D., on the above clause.

"Love to God and man is essential to social and religious life. Without it there can be no communion with God, not a preparation for eternal glory. Without it there never was true religion, nor can ever be; and it not only is necessary through life, but will exist to eternity. Nothing short of love can fit a soul for the kingdom of God."

God is love, love will continue even after the given manifestations of the Spirit for this age have been taken away and proven to be a back number and out of date. It appears that the Corinthian church had need of love, just as the churches of today have need of love. It seems they were desirous of spiritual gifts, but they were getting onesided, or lopsided. They did not have at the time of this writing a well-balanced church, and there were signs of divisions, envy, and strife among them; therefore, they were in need of love to accompany their religious activities and gifts.

Paul did not have it in mind to criticize their efforts, but to set them right on proper distribution of gifts, and it was his purpose to admonish them to seek gifts that would edify the church, themselves, and the unbeliever.

PROPHECY SHALL FAIL

I read an article just recently where the writer undertook to say that the proper word here instead of "fail" should be "supersede".

I beg to differ with this writer because of the following reason:

The Greek word here from which the word "fail" came is "katargeho," No. 2673 in the Greek Dictionary, which means to be (render) entirely idle (useless), literally or figuratively, abolish, cease, cumber, destroy, do away, fail, come to naught, put away (down), vanish away, make void.

I believe the scripture will bear us out that we will have no need for prophecy during the millennium, no need for preaching; in fact, the Bible says we will not say, "Do you know the Lord?" for they shall all know him from the least to the greatest. "They shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know ye the Lord: For they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord. After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write them into their hearts; and will be their God and they shall be my people." Jeremiah's prophecy, Jer. 31:33, 34. "In that day the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea." Isa. 11:9.

Let us at this time consult Adam Clarke's Commentary on this second clause of our text: "Though the accurate prophet, and the eloquent, persuasive preacher may be useful in their day, they shall not always be so; nor shall their gifts fit them for glory; nothing short of the love of God can fit a soul for the kingdom of God."

Prophecy means, according to Webster's common school dictionary, to foretell, to preach, declaration of something to come, inspired foretelling, interpretation of scripture.

Paul the apostle, sent to the Gentiles, born out of due season, with a Greek mind, Hebrew soul, and a Roman will, undertakes in this chapter to get the church at Corinth to see, and us to see, that all these gifts, are only good for the church age, these gifts were given to profit withal for the time, and I take the position that prophecy has not failed, that we have prophets today, and that prophecy is being fulfilled every day, and it inspires us to a greater work.

KNOWLEDGE SHALL VANISH AWAY

I take up the fourth clause of the verse ahead of the third because the word 'vanish' here in the text comes from the same word that the word 'faileth' comes from in the Greek. Therefore, the Greek word is 'katargeho'. I am not a Greek scholar, therefore, I go to the Greek Dictionary for the meaning of the word which I have given above and which I will again give for your convenience. "To be (render) entirely idle (useless) lit. or fig., abolish, cease, cumber, destroy, do away, fail, come to naught, put away (down), vanish away, make void.

My friend, Paul says knowledge shall cease, just as plain as he says tongues shall cease; prophecy shall cease, just as much so as tongues shall cease. Let us turn to the commentary and critical notes on this particular point. Quoting

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TEACHER'S QUARTERLY

We feel that our Teacher's Quarterly this time is one of the best. We have gleaned from every authority on the Sunday School lessons and put the cream of it into this quarterly. We have printed a few hundred more than we usually print because we did not have enough to supply the demand last quarter. If you have not sent us your order, please do so at once, before the supply is exhausted.

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WHAT WILL BE THE LAST SIGN BEFORE THE COMING OF JESUS

The question has been asked recently by our readers, What will be the last sign of the Gentile age? We will begin our answer to this question by asking a question, What will be the last sign of the church age? We feel that the church age will close at the rapture of the saints, 1 Thess. 4:13-16. "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, with the trump of God: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with him in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air." This certainly will be the last sign or happening at the close of the church age. We see so many things now that have already taken place among the professed followers of Christ, that are positive proof that we are just waiting for the Lord to descend. The confusion among the people, the various teachings and doctrines, prove positively that the day of His appearing is near, even at the door.

The Bible is plain in its teachings concerning the work of grace in the hearts of His believing children. There are so many today who have a form of godliness and deny His power that it makes us know that the falling away is upon us. Thirty-odd years ago the outpouring of the Holy Ghost came in a miraculous way. It was a great awakening time among Christians and the religious papers had a great deal to say about it. In fact, all agreed that it was a reproduction of Pentecost. While it was criticized by those who were inclined to live worldly and use religion for a cloak, on the other hand thousands of honest-hearted people hailed it with joy, and it spread rapidly until today it has gone into every nation, and what is known as "the tongues movement" has almost covered the globe. Then we see a force of unbelievers rising up to criticize the true power of God, and this work has gone almost to the extremes. It makes us feel that the scripture is fulfilled which says they will have a form of godliness and deny the power thereof. From my viewpoint, I feel that the falling away is complete, so far as the full blessing being rejected is concerned. I can see nothing to hinder the return of Jesus to resurrect the righteous dead and catch away the waiting saints.

There has been so much said on this subject by religious writers until it will not be necessary to repeat. There is one last sign to be fulfilled and that is the denying of the literal, visible church and its mission to fallen humanity. Just what will become of those who will do this is a question, but my candid opinion is they will go into the tribulation week and after they have repented of their mistakes they will be martyrs for God. I feel that this is clearly brought out in Matt. 25: 1-10. There have been a good many different interpretations of this scripture but one thing is made plain, that all ten of the persons mentioned are virgins and the only distinction is that five had oil and five did not have oil. In all my search of the scriptures and the authority on the oil I find that it is the beaten olive oil which the Jews use for lights, and in spite of a storm of protest, it certainly does represent the Holy Ghost.

TRIBULATION WEEK

The tribulation week will begin after the rapture, and this will be the last week spoken of in Daniel 9:27, "And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." This verse is the first inkling we have of when Daniel's seventy weeks will be complete. The first seven weeks, forty-nine years, were fulfilled at the return of the Babylonian captives under Nehemiah and Ezra, the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem.

The next sixty-two weeks, four hundred thirty-four years, were fulfilled at the crucifixion of Jesus. Then we have had a period of almost two thousand years of what is known as the church age. We see from prophecy that this church age is now ready to come to a close. The close of this last week, which will be seven years, will culminate in the return of our Lord to reign a thousand years, Matt. 24:29, 30; Dan. 7:13, 14.

At the end of the tribulation week and the sign spoken of in these scriptures, Christ will come to reign a thousand years and will destroy the Gentile world powers and set up a thousand years' reign, Zech. 14:1-3. At the Lord's return in glory there will be great changes in the government and powers of the earth and especially in Palestine, Zech. 14:4-7. These will be the awful days of tribula-

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GOD'S BEAUTY SHOP

BY GARNER J. WILKINS

". . . . . *I will beautify the meek with SALVATION.*" Psalms 149:4.

THIS beauty parlor is open twenty-four hours, and makes Sunday somewhat distinctive, a specialty day, and there are no holidays now. That is yet to come, a great millennial "REST" day. It operates under a code, too. Not a code that may be altered to accommodate the whims and eccentricities of any one particular group of favorites. The terms of this code state briefly that any need of humanity is met with grace sufficient, upon compliance to the WILL of GOD, that the divine testimony concerning Jesus Christ as the Son of God be accepted. The code further says that we must recognize our inability to relieve ourselves from the wretched state into which we have fallen, and humbly submit to the process God has designed to minister for this need. The poor unfortunate who has no money may come and receive the FULL "treatment," complete, entire, wanting nothing, without money or price. There is no "money back" guarantee, however, for the "treatment" has never FAILED, and is its own surety. It does guarantee, if we allow the process to be prolonged in our mortal life, we shall "never grow old" in that life lengthened by the Spirit into everlasting life and youth, in a world without end. Not the type of skin beauty and youthful charm as Edna Wallace Hopper seems to possess, (thru the use of various cosmetics) and a vast majority of the feminine element of our vain world covets, but beauty nevertheless, and graceful loveliness. Such sweetness and such charming beauty inspired Solomon, the lover of natural beauty, to declare: "Thou are all fair my love, there is no SPOT in thee . . ." Song of Solomon 4:7.

Many today of our world, and even among our own precious people, I fear, are much concerned with natural cares; petting and pampering their physical frame, neglecting the word of exhortation which says: " . . . . For God has not called us unto uncleanness, but unto HOLINESS . . ." 1 Thess. 4:7. Are you allowing yourself to become lax and conformed to this present environment, forgetting that the salvation of our Lord Jesus brings a complete transformation in your life? He said He would "beautify the meek with salvation," a wonderful salvation that enables one, though bedraggled and marred by living in the filth of the devil's old "playhouses" of vice and sin, to come out clean and whole, to serve the Lord in the "BEAUTY OF HOLINESS."

This beauty shop is operated by the Holy Spirit, for the joint interests of God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, as represented in this world. And would you believe it? The sole interest the Omnipotence of heaven has in this present world, is that fallen wretch who is a slave to Satan, though he bear the image of God Almighty, his Creator. Perhaps we should say the primary regard of heaven is centered on REDEMPTION; that of course, takes into consideration the unregenerate and the redeemed, which presents a double picture; the fallen world, and the redeemed, renewed and beautified, sanctified body known as the church. And you, my friend, are in just one group, in these two pictures. God knows, and you know which group. Again I say, the door of this wonderful beauty parlor remains open day and night. The "Open door" says, "Come." The Agent of the joint owners says, "Come." The Bride (redeemed) says, "Come." Whosoever will, may come freely and receive the operation of the fingers of the Spirit, upon your soul and body too, making you fit company for the association of all the heavenly host. I promise you that just one application of the "treatment" used in this beauty shop is efficient. To have the precious, cleansing, healing BLOOD of Jesus cover you, will wash the vilest sinner and make him clean. It is the best beauty preparation ever known and shall never be excelled; imparting life, strength and beauty that fadeth not away. However, the blood of Jesus is not merely an external application, as cosmetics, but an internal application for the soul. The door of this grand business will close tomorrow. COME NOW!

Thank God for the Church

MOULTRIE, Ga.—I praise the Lord for being a child of God. Thank God for His dear Church. I am so glad the Lord will hear and answer the prayers of His children. I thank God for our good pastor, Brother C. A. Culpepper, whom God has sent this way. He has a heart full of love for everyone and we feel sure the church here is going over the top for Jesus. Each one of us realizes we need to get closer to Jesus.

We ask all the dear saints to pray for us to be ready to go with Jesus, for His coming is near at hand. Also pray for the Y. P. E. here as the young people all need salvation.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. T. W. Brown.

We Have Taken Our Stand On This Hilltop For God

Dear saints everywhere: We are glad to report that at Rock Rose on the top of our hill district where the Church of God has taken her stand, we had with us Feb. 29th our General Overseer, Brother John H. Walker, also our state overseer, Brother H. A. Hudson. On Sunday, March 1, our General Overseer preached. In ascending the platform he asked the saints to pray that God might have His way. After singing a song the General Overseer turned to St. John 15:1 and preached on "A True Disciple." Brethren, this was just the message for the day. It came from the heart of God. After this message all were seen to be weeping—General Overseer, state overseer, ministers, members, even the unsaved wept. Three women with tears in their eyes came repenting and many others were convicted.

At this time we have nothing to regret. We want to keep ourselves on the line and thank God for Jesus, the blood, the cross, and for the sweet Holy Ghost, which is and shall keep us unto the last day.

Pray for us on the mountain here that we might be a real power to do His will till Jesus comes or calls.—A. C. Wright, clerk, Frankfield P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

A Jamaica Consecration Service

The consecration service of the church, "Fair Look," at Aberdeen was held Jan. 26, 1936. Services started at three o'clock. All brethren and visitors had a wonderful time in this consecration service. The Lord manifested His wonderful power. One got saved during the service. All visitors were greatly pleased in giving offerings for the helping of the church. Pray for us that we will continue in this work.—Yours in Christ, C. Mundy, clerk; C. A. McIntosh, pastor, Aberdeen P. O., Jam., B. W. I.

Work Lined Up

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—I thank my God for being able to report victory over sin. I have a mind to learn more about Him. I thank God for our beloved state overseer, Bishop W. L. Ford, and his humble wife. He has the work lined up in Alabama and all are working with him. I mean to stand with him. The work in the South district is moving to the front, also the work in the Middle West district. I mean to push the work on in Alabama. I covet your prayers.—A brother in Christ, S. E. Babb, (colored), state evangelist of Alabama, Georgiana, Ala., Box 214.

PRAYER

RINDA RAMEY

TEXT: Matt. 26:41, *"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

This is a very important subject, and I feel that I cannot do it justice by any means, but we need to pray more and each time we pray, PRAY THROUGH. Oh! prayer is so needful for all of us. Romans 8:14 says, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Now to be led by the Spirit of God would be to pray every time the Spirit bids us pray, and it's an evident fact if we pray every time the Spirit says pray, we surely will not enter into temptations and the snares of Satan, for we will be so full of God that Satan can not touch us with all of his fiery darts. Hallelujah!

In Eph. 6:11 Paul says, "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." Dear hearts, there is only one way to put on the whole armor of God, and that is by prayer and faith in God; without faith it is useless to pray, for we must believe that God is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Matt. 7:7 says, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." If we want anything from God we are commanded to ask for it, to seek and find it, to knock and it shall be opened. THANK GOD. OH, I PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS AND MERCY TO THE SONS OF MEN.

God is so wonderful and so mindful of us "weak worms of the earth" that He has made it possible that we might reach the throne of His grace by humbleness, prayer, and faith. Bless His dear name. We are so unworthy and ignorant of His mercy to us. Why do we hesitate to exercise faith when Jesus said in Matt. 21:22, "And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive." Then John 14:13, 14 says, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the father may be glorified in the son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." Beloved, these promises are for God's children today. You possibly will say, I have asked God for many things and never received them, James 4:3, "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." Do not ask God for beauty, for fine clothing; but ask Him for your spiritual needs first. Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things (the necessities of life) will be added unto you." Dear hearts, let's strive to lay up treasures in heaven.

Dear brothers and sisters, this is no time for us to idle our time away, thinking of what we are going to eat or what we are going to wear. IT'S TIME FOR EACH OF US TO BE UP AND ABOUT OUR FATHER'S BUSINESS. Listen, heaven is going to be cheap at any cost. Oh, it would be sad indeed for us to neglect the gift that is in us, fail to work for God, and at the judgment be weighed in the balances and found wanting. I really believe that we are now living in the very evening of time. Oh, there is so much to be done and time is flying by, the harvest truly is ripe, but laborers are few. What words do we want to hear when we stand before God —"Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of the Lord," or "Depart, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels"? We may try to justify ourselves by saying, I don't know what to do for God. It is our privilege to pray until we get the mind of God, then we will know what He wants us to do.

Oh, if we would not feel our importance so much. Many of us are so important in ourselves, that God cannot use us to any advantage at all. We feel too important to listen to God's still small voice. If we would just be still and listen to God, He would talk to us as He did in the olden times, He hasn't changed at all. He is the God that changes not. Oh, I would that each of us could see ourselves just as God sees us. My experience has been, the more I pray, the smaller I feel before God; and I can see my unimportance before Him. We are but dust of the earth and weak worms before God.

"Watch and pray." Watch that we do not exalt ourselves nor feel our importance. "Pray without ceasing." Pray for ourselves and for our enemies. Pray for those who persecute us. When I was first saved I thought if I prayed three times a day I would always have victory, but it takes more praying for me than that to keep victory. We are commanded to pray without ceasing. Of course I go about my work praying, but who can get the mind of Christ or the leading of the Holy Ghost with our minds divided like that, having our minds more on our work than on God? Let's give God our undivided attention.

At this time I remember once when we were sorely in need of money, we had real estate, so I began to pray for God to make some one who had money come and buy some property. Of course Satan was on hand to try to make me doubt God doing that, but I was at the place that I could say, Now God, you know we serve you, we pay our tithes, we trust you for every thing, we keep your commandments, and I don't see how you can afford not to answer prayer, so bless His dear name, one day I was down praying about this and some one knocked at the door. Husband answered the door, and thank God, it was some one to buy some real estate. THANK GOD. Oh, I praise Him today for His goodness to me. When I think about how wonderful God is to us, and we so unworthy, it makes me want to cry.

Listen, Jesus is coming after His bride some time in the future, and I for one want to be ready to go to meet Him in the air, don't you? He will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. I am longing for that happy time, for I expect to be in that number, if I am alive or if I am dead. Oh, how I do praise God for the determination He has given me to serve Him.

Come on now, let's pray more and do more in the future than we have ever done in the past. Paul, in 1 Tim. 4:12 said, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." Are we doing this? If we're not, we are falling short of what Paul's estimate of a Christian should be, and I'm sure that Jesus expects as much of us as did Paul. Listen, if you have grown despondent, become dilatory and are neglecting your duty as a Christian, I pray God that you will awake to see your failings before it is too late. Remember Jesus said He was the way and no man cometh to the Father but by Him. He did His Father's will, and so will we if we enter the shining courts of heaven." There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." I am anxiously waiting for that rest.

Prayer is my subject and I want to tell you, one and all, that we can live just as long and keep strength in the body without eating any thing, as we can keep victory in our souls without prayer. PRAYER is food and strength to the soul, the same as eatables are food and strength to the body. If we want a fat soul, then we should pray lots.

There are they that say you don't have

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MISSION RECEIPTS

By states for quarter ending March 31, 1936:

Alabama	$ 38.00
Arkansas	2.53
Arizona	1.22
California	33.76
Delaware	1.44
Florida	490.70
Georgia	118.43
Illinois	71.68
Indiana	24.93
Kansas	284.57
Kentucky	45.70
Mississippi	30.65
Maryland	35.60
Mississippi	30.65
Missouri	55.43
Montana	3.11
Maine	4.39
Michigan	51.04
Massachusetts	.40
Nebraska	.71
North Dakota	11.06
North Carolina	225.53
New Mexico	10.14
Ohio	101.76
Oklahoma	17.01
Pennsylvania	67.19
South Carolina	192.21
South Dakota	13.74
Tennessee	242.32
Texas	72.92
Virginia	33.74
West Virginia	126.01
Washington, D. C.	2.81
Canada	1.15

Fitzgerald, Ga., District Convention

The Fitzgerald, Ga., district convention opened in a most pleasing manner. The evening of March 20th at the opening of the service a most remarkable warm-hearted welcome was given, the spirit of which the visitors could very easily feel, even before the welcome address was given by the district pastor, Brother W. C. Kennedy. Here is a beautiful picture in Fitzgerald Church of God—pastor working hand in hand with God. The Lord favored all present with many rich blessings. For the growth of our souls, the Lord gave us many good messages. The first sermon by our beloved state overseer, Brother Hughes, was said to be the richest and far-reaching of any ever heard on that text, Heb. 13:8. This powerful sermon brought spiritual tears and rejoicing. It produced renewed determinations and had, it seemed, a positive building effect on all.

It would be good also to mention other messengers of the Lord who "hewed to the line", "plowed", "sowed", and "watered" during the meeting. Brother Mitchell, who ably spoke on "Missions"; Brother Jim Elliott who is known to fight sin with ammunition from St. John's Gospel, Romans and Hebrews; Brother Bucans spoke on that tender subject, "The Need of Love."

The last day of this gathering, dinner was spread on a long table at the church. If you can picture a spread of some of the best things to eat to be had in Georgia and prepared by the most able cooks, you may have an idea of what was on that table. If the visitors gave a weak response to the welcome address at the opening service, they made a real strong response at this dinner. There is lots, lots more to this meeting which we must leave unwritten. There are many details of this convention whom all present will remember, I suppose, as long as we have a memory.—Ruel Couch, Macon, Ga.

Holy Ghost is Still Falling

God is still blessing in the state of Michigan. We started a revival at Lake Odessa, Mich., Sunday, March 1, 1936, conducted by Georgia M. Schultze, Church of God evangelist of Inkster, Mich., who believes in preaching the gospel without fear or favor. Also her daughter, June, with her guitar rendered songs and music which were much enjoyed by all. Right from the beginning God began to open up the windows of heaven and pour down His mighty power and blessings on His children. Some were shouting, some dancing, others speaking in tongues, according to Acts 2:4. Then conviction began to seize the hearts of the unsaved and professors, and the devil got mad. We knew then that was a sure sign of a revival, so we began to fast and pray. The devil got fierce and God worked all the more. Ten were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and one added o the Church of God. Eternity only will tell the good that was done.—W. M. Barnard, pastor.

Dallas Church Progressing

DALLAS, Tex.—The Lord has been blessing the work here. We had a three weeks' revival which closed March 23rd by accepting new members into the church. Brother Bridges from Weatherford, Tex., was with us. Brother Warman from Edgewood, Tex., brought the messages. Twelve were saved, eight sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. Our Sunday School is growing. Pray for the work here.—Mrs. Annie Hutchins, Rt. 8, Box 39-A.

REQUESTS

Dear saints, pray for my husband. He has been operated on and about six months ago he hurt his side where he was operated on and isn't able to do anything. It has been a little over two years since he was operated on. Please pray for me. I have attacks of appendicitis. We both have the Holy Ghost.—Eston McGinnis, Rt. 2, Kingman, Ind.

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I ask every saint everywhere to pray for my wife and oldest child. They are in bed with something like flu. Pray for us to be true to God.—E. F. Johns, Millwood, Ga.

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Please pray for the complete healing of my body, if it is the Lord's will, as I'm afflicted in different ways and I suffer very much some times. Pray for one of my eyes which was badly injured a few weeks ago and is giving me quite a bit of trouble. I have other requests but God knows about them. So please pray. —A sister in Christ, Maud Martin, 612 Ansley St., E. Gadsden, Ala.

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I am requesting special prayer for the healing of my body. I have been real sick for nine or ten days. I almost had pneumonia, if I didn't have it. I got up this morning for the first time to sit up and my side was hurting me so badly that I felt discouraged. I cried and tried to pray as I usually do to our Father above for mercy. I found an old Church of God Evangel and began reading it. I saw where a number of people had been healed by laying the paper on their bodies so I laid it on my side and asked God to heal me. I seemed to get relief in a short time, but my side is bothering me again now. I also suffer with my head and something like indigestion. Please pray that God will restore my health and strength so that I can work for my family and mother-in-law who is old and disable to do much work. I believe God can heal, but I am very weak and no saints are near to pray with me. I feel so lonely some times. Please remember my husband and three children in your prayers. —A sister, Mrs. J. G. Jarvis, Swan Quarter, N. C.

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Please pray for the healing of my wife. We believe the Lord can heal, so pray earnestly.—W. J. Milligan, 814 So. 5th St., Wilmington, N. C.

REPORTS

Linden, Fla. Dist. Convention

The Linden, Fla. district convention which convened at Leesburg was a great success. Some of the best musical talent that we have had in any of the conventions of the state so far this year, was manifested at this convention. There were two string bands—one from Linden, the other from Lacoochee—besides the Linden quartet, Center Hill trio, and Wildwood duet who were on the program several times.

The convention opened with a devotional service followed by the welcome address by Brother H. R. Corley. The Y. P. E. convention followed with Brother E. L. Newton in charge. After he gave a few brief remarks, Brother Corley spoke on "Y. P. E. Interests." Brother J. T. Roberts, who was visiting from the Tampa district, was asked to speak. He gave several of his experiences and before he finished speaking almost everyone in the house was crying. The assistant state Y. P. E. superintendent gave a report of the district work and Brother Williams, state Y. P. E. superintendent, closed the convention with an effective address to the young people.

Brother Williams was in charge of the Saturday afternoon service which was devoted principally to the ministry, however, the laity who were present were benefited by Brother Williams' message and the questions and answers on the Bible and Church government. Saturday night service was especially good. Sister Lula Jones spoke on "When Religion is a Failure." It was so interesting that it seemed as though we could have listened on and on, but when Brother J. B. Camp delivered the message on "When Religion is a Success" we found it equally as good.

Sunday morning the Sunday School convention opened at nine-thirty with songs, music, and prayer. Each Sunday School reported and Rock Hill and Stafford had the largest delegation despite the fact that these two churches were the farthest away on the district. The state Sunday School superintendent gave a report of the district work, followed by a discourse on "A Survey of the Sunday School Field with its Opportunities" by Brother Camp. He is an enthusiastic Sunday School worker and his enthusiasm seemed to spread over the entire congregation.

The mission offering amounted to $25.00. Brother Williams preached an effective sermon on "How We Respond to our Responsibilities." After lunch the churches gave their reports. Each one proved the untiring efforts of the faithful pastors. They must have had the same spirit as the apostle Peter on the mount of Transfiguration when he said, "Let us build." Out of the five churches on the district, two new church buildings have already been erected since the last district convention, and two of the three remaining churches reported a partial fund already raised to begin a new church building, which will leave only one church on this district without a new church building, but they likely will catch the building spirit and complete the district, making a one hundred per cent building program for the Linden district.

Brother and Sister Camp favored us with a Scandinavian duet and Catherine Stevens of Lacoochee sang a solo, "The Automobile," a rather peculiar theme for a religious song but appropriate for the occasion.

The convention closed with a high spiritual tide and impressions that will be an incentive to those who were there, to be faithful throughout another year, if Jesus tarries.—Mrs. E. L. Newton, 1410 Curtis St., Tampa, Fla.

Towns, Ga. Dist. Convention

The Towns, Ga. district convention was held at Livingstone chapel with Brother W. M. Livingstone in charge. Services began Friday night, March 6th. In the absence of Brother Hughes, our state overseer, Brother Jones from Eastman gave the welcome address which was enjoyed by all present.

Saturday night we met at seven-thirty and after a short devotional service Brother Earl Powell brought a wonderful message on "Light."

Sunday morning we met again at ten-thirty. After a short song and praise service, in which the power of God was manifested in a wonderful way, Brother Douglas from Cobbtown district brought a glorious message on "Preach the Word." Afterwards Brother Livingstone gave an interesting talk on missions, followed by Sister Vaughan. God blessed in a wonderful way. The people responded by giving a good collection of $7.05. This brought us to the noon hour. We then gathered around the table which had been arranged for the occasion, and enjoyed a feast of good things to eat. Service began at two-thirty with Brother Purvis giving the message on "Prayer" which was helpful to the saints and gave each one a desire to live closer to the Lord. Brother Clayton Towns and Brother Earl Powell preached a duet sermon on "If You Do, or If You Don't." Saints were lifted up with a determination to hold the light higher for the ones in sin. Brother Ashley from Eastman gave a good talk on "The Need of Today." Brother Jones from Eastman gave the closing address. The power of God was manifested in a wonderful way with shouting, dancing, and speaking in tongues. Indeed we were all lifted up. This brought to a close our good convention. We feel this was the best we ever had. There was such a sweet fellowship among the people.

Sunday night we gathered for just a short while with Sister Vaughan bringing the message on "Cleansing." The power of God came down and blessed. All went away rejoicing. I feel the joybells ringing in my soul even now. —Yours in the Master's service, Mrs. C. W. Hester, Towns, Ga.

Weatherford, Tex. District Convention

On the afternoon of March 13th faces that looked happy came to Ft. Worth to attend a great meeting (the district convention). Brother Bridges, the district overseer, seemed to be at his best as moderator. The writer and pastor of this local church brought the welcome address with Brothers Hill and Smith responding to same. Brother Pennington then brought a message "Concerning the Way, and the Ways," and he certainly can quote scripture.

We met Saturday morning for business. Many interesting and important items of business were discussed. At eleven o'clock Brother Atkins brought a very able message. After lunch Brother Payne, our state overseer, for nearly two hours outlined the conditions and business of the ministry and the church work in the state. Saturday night we opened with a devotional service. We certainly did enjoy hearing the Burnett sisters sing, they have quality and spirituality, and they stirred our hearts with their fine singing. Brother Payne brought a stirring, manly, masterpiece message on "The Church of God." He certainly received the anointing for the hour. We had visitors from various organizations present to hear it.

Sunday morning after hearing the stirring songs, Brother Crow brought a message, the thought being, "The morning cometh and also the night." Then again our overseer preached, his subject being "Responsibility," which stirred a large congregation who received the message with joy. This was followed by a fine dinner prepared by the good ladies. Again we were back inside ready for service. Talks were made in behalf of the Evangel and missions. An offering was taken for missions, which amounted to over ten dollars. Then followed the reports of the churches on the district. The work seems to be going fine and we are greatly encouraged to do more for the Lord

and His Church. We could give the report in detail and tell many interesting things that we heard, and that was accomplished, but space in our Church paper is limited so we can only hint at it and you will have to read between the lines and guess at it.—The local pastor, Roy E. Blackwood.

Good Revivals at Decatur

DECATUR, Ala.—I thank God for health and the many other things He has done for me and my family. Without God and His mercy we are lost.

God is still blessing the church here at Decatur. The church was going down and members were getting weak. We began to pray for God to send some one to Decatur who could build up the work here. We have Brother A. J. Murray for our pastor and the Lord is wonderfully blessing. We all love Brother Murray and his wife and believe he is a real man of God.

We had a wonderful revival in the month of December with Brother Murray in charge. The Lord wonderfully blessed. Several souls were saved and four added to the Church of God. Thank the Lord. We had another revival the first of March with Brother Thos. Childers in charge. The power of God fell in a mighty way and saints were revived and filled with the old time power of God. Pray for the work here in Decatur and for the saints, that we will all grow stronger in the Lord and be humble at the foot of the cross, that the Lord may get glory out of our lives.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Bessie Bolan.

I Believe Victory is Ours

E. ALTON, Ill.—We were assigned as pastor of this church at the General Assembly by our state overseer. On account of illness and having to move from West Virginia, we were delayed in getting to our work here until the first of November. But when we arrived we found some of as fine folks as you will find anywhere. They seemed to be somewhat discouraged about the work. They had four different pastors the previous year, and part of the time, none at all.

We have all been doing our best to win the victory by praying, sacrificing, and working; and I believe the victory is ours. Praise the Lord. The saints are shouting the praises of God and we are having some wonderful services lately.

We had the state evangelist, Brother Barnard, and his evangelistic party with us in a revival during the month of February. We had a very fine revival considering the extreme zero weather which hindered to some extent, and much good was done, I'm sure. Many received definite blessings. At the close of the revival the evangelist baptized several in the Mississippi river which was frozen over with about twenty inches of ice. Also four new members were added to the Church of God. We also appreciate Brother Barnard and band for the lift which they gave us. We were glad to have with us our state overseer, Brother J. L. Goins, also Brother Joplin and some of his workers attended several nights during the revival and we appreciate the assistance which they gave.—Faithfully yours, Carl G. Carder, pastor.

Praying For A Revival

Naylor, Mo.—I truly thank the Lord for what He is to me. I am saved, sanctified and have the sweet Holy Ghost. Although I have many hard trials and struggles, by the help of God I mean to go through. There is no Church of God at this place and I do not get to go to church very often and that makes it hard, but I just look on the sunny side of life.

Dear, praying people, I need your prayers as the devil is working hard against me. Sometimes it seems that I cannot stand, then I will remember the scripture where it says He will not allow us to be tempted above that we are able to bear, and it helps me very much. I am hoping and praying that we can have a revival here at Naylor this summer. Dear people, please pray that my prayers will be answered. Remember my wife and me.—A brother in Christ, H. C. Martin.

Healing Came By Prayer

GRENADA, Miss.—A little over five weeks ago our little boy took chills. He had nineteen chills. I asked prayer through the paper. The dear Lord healed him, then he took the flu. It looked as if he would have pneumonia but the dear Lord rebuked it and healed him, for which I am praising Him. He is now up and eating heartily. Oh, how I love and praise Him. He also healed my husband of flu when he was coughing and spitting up blood. How I love Him, I know His healing power is real.

It seemed the enemy was so strong here that it was so hard to get victory. Our four-year-old baby girl has had three chills and I ask you to pray for her. Please pray for this little band at Dana as we are few in number and the enemy is so strong. Pray that God will put conviction on these lost souls and that we will rise and shine for Jesus. I praise Him for the precious Holy Ghost to help bear our persecutions in these last days. —A sister under the blood, Mrs. L. A. Harville.

Wonderful Results From District Convention

The Norfolk, Va. district convention convened March 13-15, in the large mission tabernacle at Suffolk, Va., of which Brother D. R. Roberson is pastor, with Brother J. L. Dorman, state overseer, in charge. The work here hasn't as yet been set in order, being under way just a short time. In the results obtained, both spiritually and co-operatively, we can say it was very successful. All missions and forty cents per member debts long neglected were cleared and paid. This year's ten cents per member was easily arranged to be paid, also a mission offering was taken. Two Sunday Schools were organized, one in the tabernacle at Suffolk and one at Norfolk. The services were well attended and the preaching and singing good. We're thankful for the work here and expect it to grow.—Marvin E. Porter, state S. S. superintendent, Austinville, Va.

Souls Are Blessed and the Sick Are Healed

SALEM, Oregon.—We praise the Lord for the way God is blessing in the little city of Salem, Ore. Our good Brother L. L. Milam started services about four weeks ago and God is blessing. Several have been saved, sanctified and two filled with the good Holy Ghost. We are expecting greater things of the Lord. We have invited neighboring ministers, musicians, singers, and friends to come in and help us. The Lord is healing the sick. One brother was suffering with appendicitis. He was prayed for and God wonderfully undertook for him. Please pray that God will continue to bless in our services.—Bernice Lee.

Revival A Great Blessing to This Place

AMONATE, Va. — We have just closed a very successful revival which began Feb. 18th and continued twenty-four nights. This revival certainly was a great blessing to this place. It was conducted by Brother Campbell, and his helper, Brother Aurelia Tioaquen, our Filipino brother.

Brother Campbell is our district evangelist and we appreciate his service, also appreciate him as our pastor.

Nineteen were saved, ten sanctified, eight filled with the Holy Ghost, and eleven added to the church. We were not fortunate enough to have a church building for our revival, but Brother Elkins opened his doors to us and the Lord blessed in a wonderful way. The revival closed March 15th. Pray for us.—Your sister in Christ, Willie Minton.

Testimonies

A Child of God

SWEETGUM, Ga. — Dear saints, I thank God for all He has done for me. Four years ago He saved me from sin and sanctified me. Praise His good name. I am still on my way to heaven. I thank God that I was born and reared in a good, humble home. My mother and daddy have been in this good way about twenty-four years. My daddy is dead but, thank God for mother holding out until now and rearing her children in a good humble way. Thank the dear Lord.

Dear friends, the way gets dark sometimes but God is always with His children. I belong to the church at Culberson, N. C. and I live about six or seven miles away. I don't get to go to meeting very often but God always hears me when I pray. Please pray that God will take my husband in hand and take everything out of his life that is not like Him.

I feel the coming of Christ is near. Pray that He will find me faithful. The devil is trying so hard to down my soul, but I thank God for the wonderful faith He has given me to hold out. I don't know what I would have done if God had not helped me through all these hard trials and temptations, but we know He tries our faith. He said to count it all joy when we fall into temptation. Pray for me that I will be found faithful.—Your sister, Mrs. J. W. Harper.

Music in My Soul

MAITLAND, Fla.—I am so glad to report full and complete victory in my soul through the precious blood of Jesus. I am saved, sanctified and the blessed Holy Ghost abides. I am so thankful for the blessed presence of the dear Savior that when I am alone I am not alone, for I feel His presence more and more. Oh, it is so sweet to know that in Him we have a satisfied portion, a Friend who will never fail.

I have been reclaimed and the joy bells have begun to make music in my soul again. I was a backslider for several years until in 1935 Jesus again lifted the burden. Then I kept seeking for the deeper experience until in August I was again given the blessed experience of the Holy Ghost. Praise God, I am determined to follow Jesus all the way.

Sometimes the trials and temptations are so great in my home until it seems I will go down with the load, but I know the dear Savior has promised to be with us, even to the end. When I feel discouraged, I try to brace up and look to the One who overcame the world for me.

I don't have a chance to attend church or prayer meeting very often, and I am away from any of the Spirit-filled people, so please pray much for me to stand for Jesus until He comes or calls me home. I want to be found faithful and doing His will to the end. He has healed my body many times for which I am thankful. I want every one who reads this to pray for me to be true and overcome for Jesus. The Lord richly bless all of you.—One of the little ones, Pearl Sullivan, Rt. 1.

A Miracle Performed

TOLEDO, Ohio.—Recently a miracle was performed in the church at Carey, Ohio. Sister Watson, living in Michigan, came here to her son's home to die. On Saturday, Feb. 21st, she called all the children and her husband to her bedside and told them what she wanted them all to do and bade them good-bye. Her son called in the church people and began to pray. They cried and prayed until evening. Late in the afternoon she got out of bed and went to church Saturday and Sunday nights shouting the victory. She said she was dying but, thank God, for His mercy, He is so wonderfully blessing.

A man received the baptism of the Holy Ghost last night and many were at the altar for prayer. The house could not accommodate all the people Saturday night. Please pray for us here in Carey. We need a larger place. The church is in good condition and all seem to be pleased with their new pastor this year.—L. Z. Woods, pastor.

The Lord Met With Us

BALDWYN, Miss.—I praise my dear Lord for what He is to me. I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. I belong to the Church of God. Hallelujah! I thank the Lord for the way He blesesd last Sunday afternoon at the home of Brother Oscar Shooks. We surely had a wonderful time in the Lord.

Pray much for my wife, babies and me to be humble.—Your unworthy brother in Christ, L. J. Potts.

Baby Healed of Flu

McDONALD, Miss.—I praise God for His wonderful healing power. My baby three years old took sick last Saturday with flu. On Monday and Tuesday we thought she was doing fine but on Wednesday evening she relapsed. She had a hot fever. When the fever began to rise she would wring her hands and say something was burning her and looked as if she expected us to help her. The fever got so high until she wouldn't notice anything. When asked if she felt like smiling for daddy, she would pay no attention. She would always try to smile when sick, if we would ask her to. We stood over her with tears in our eyes, begging God's mercy. At eleven o'clock Thursday morning we placed an anointed handkerchief on her and prayed. God answered prayer. She called for something to eat and wanted to get up and ride her tricycle, and did. She has been feeling fine ever since. I thank God for His wonderful blessing.—Your brother in the Church of God, G. B. Walton.

Blessed and Healed

YADKINVILLE, N. C.—I praise my blessed Redeemer for the way He has blessed me and healed me of different diseases. I had a bad corn between my toes about a month ago, and it was so sore. The Lord wonderfuly healed it. Praise His holy name! I praise Him for His saving and sanctifying power. I ask all the Church of God everywhere to pray for me to be completely healed as my stomach and heart trouble me some yet. I praise God for the great Church of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth.—A brother, J. C. Myers.

Will Trust Him to the End

FT. PIERCE, Fla. — Dear Evangel readers: I have just lots to praise our blessed Savior for. I praise Him for His wonderful healing power. Praise His dear name. He is my healer and I know this morning with all my heart He has healed me many times. The Lord wonderfully blessed in my home last night. My two-year-old baby took sick about two o'clock with vomiting that lasted all the evening. My children, sister, and I began to pray. The baby died away but the Lord wonderfully came on the scene and touched her. How we did praise God for saving her. I am still trusting Him and expect to to the end. Pray for me that I will do God's will.—A true sister in Christ, Elizabeth Curry, Box 1394.

Praising God for Salvation

HICKORY FLAT, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers: I am still praising God for salvation. I became a member of the great Church of God last year and I am thanking the Lord for saving my soul and giving me a desire for heaven and better things. I want all Christians to pray for me that I will be a bright and shining light for the Lord. I am a reader of the great Evangel which is food to my soul.—Your humble servant, Vardman Day.

Requests

Dear saints of God, I am afflicted in body and I want all the saints to pray for the healing of my body. Pray that the Lord will fill me with the Holy Ghost. Pray that Jesus will remove every hindering cause. I know He is able, so pray for me.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Louise Adams, Ethel, W. Va.

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Please pray for the church here in St. Louis. We have many things to contend with. It seems the enemy is determined to tear down the work. I know this is a needy city for a Church of God, and we are praying that the Lord will provide a lot and we are preparing to build for Him.—Your sister in Jesus, Myrtle Graves, St. Louis, Mo.

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Dear saints, please pray for me till your prayers go through. I have suffered nearly four weeks with kidney trouble. I know God can heal.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Bonnie Pruitt, Shelby, N. C.

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Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body and that I might have the faith to believe God will heal. Also pray for a brother of ours who has been operated on six times. He is in a very bad condition. Brother Westberry seems to be a man of God. I want all who read this to pray at once that we might be healed.—Mrs. Myrtice Wolfe, Nichols, Ga.

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Dear saints, I praise the Lord for the Holy Ghost. I thank Him with all my heart for the blessing. We are in a revival here at Lester, W. Va., with Brother Whitlow in charge. Please remember us in your prayers.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. M. Wooten, Lester, W. Va.

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Please pray for me as I am the only one here who believes in holiness. Pray for us to get our church completed and that we will have a revival soon. What we want is to drive the devil out of this place. He has been working hard against us in everything he can, but we will pray the more. Pray for me to receive the sweet Holy Ghost.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. J. H. Anderton, Tullahoma, Tenn., Rt. 1.

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We truly thank God for the way He has blessed us here in many, many ways. Since we organized our school we have two new members for which we thank the Lord. Please pray that the enemy will not hinder those who are attending and that God may send in others, also that a revival will reach this place this year and our many relatives and friends may be saved.—Humbly, L. Mendes, Jeffersonton, Va.

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Please pray for my mother who has stomach trouble and the flu. Please pray when you read this. She believes in prayer. Pray for me to receive the Holy Ghost and stay true to Jesus.—Your sister, Lovada Salers, Dossville, Miss.

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We are in a revival at Great Falls, S. C., with Brother W. L. Edgar doing the preaching. We want the saints everywhere to pray that many souls will be saved. —Your brother in Christ, J. W. Hannah, Great Falls, S. C.

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I ask the Church in general to pray for me that the Lord will touch my body. I have a cancer on my nose and it effects my whole body. I believe the Lord has power to heal His people.—Your sister in Christ, Mrs. Delphia Young, Stearns, Ky.

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Please pray for my mother to be healed as she has been sick nearly five years. Pray that she will have more faith. Please pray for my father, sisters, and husband to be saved before it is too late. Pray that I will do His will at all times. —Mrs. Ella Vaughan, Warrenton, N. C.

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We started a revival at the Berear schoolhouse at Jamestown, Ala., Sunday night, March 29th. Please pray for the success of this meeting. This is a new place for the Church of God. We surely need your prayers that we will stay humble and where God can use us for His glory.—Your brother and servant, L. E. Galloway, Menlo, Ga.

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I wants the saints of God to please call my name in prayer for the healing of a rupture which has been bothering me about four years.—Owen Hazellief, Rt. 1, Cocoa, Fla.

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Saints, please pray a special prayer that God will heal my afflicted body. I have some kind of stomach trouble and the doctors have not been able to tell me what the trouble is. I know God is able to heal me. I have the full blessing and am a member of the dear Church of God. Please pray for my unsaved sister and children.—Ida Taff, c/o Flint River Cotton Mill, Albany, Ga.

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Dear Evangel family: We started a revival at Mt. Zion, March 29th. Please pray that the church may be revived and that many souls will be saved. I also have an unspoken request. Please pray till your prayers go through.—Yours in His service, W. A. Deniston, clerk, White Pine, Tenn., Rt. 2.

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Please pray a special prayer for our home. We were both converted about four years ago and that is all we ever had. We know there is more to salvation than a conversion. We have fallen by the wayside and old Satan seems to get stronger all the time. Please pray that we will find Jesus again and live true to Him till He comes or call. If any Church of God preacher feels led this way, we would be glad to have him.—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Brumfield, Gill, W. Va.

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Dear saints: I thank the Lord for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me. The Holy Ghost still abides and I belong to the Church of God. I ask you to pray for the Lord to save my husband and children, also brothers and sisters. I want my home to be a holy home without sin. That's my heart's desire. Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my eyes. I can't see to read the Bible like I want to. Pray that the Lord will give me more power and that I will be an overcomer. Pray that He'll heal my body and give me strength from on high. I have two children who have had the flu and they are not over it yet. Remember them. I have several requests that the Lord knows about. Pray for the Lord to have His way in my home and in my life, that His will may be done. Pray that the Lord will make a way for me to attend services more often.—Your sister in Christ, Lillie Duncan, Roanoke, Va.

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Please pray a special prayer for one of my neighbor women. She desires prayer that she may be healed of a serious condition. Also pray for another woman who requests prayer that her boys will be freed of the drinking habit and be saved. —Your sister in Christ, Minnie Knouff, Towncreek, Ala.

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Please pray a special prayer for my dear brother, I. O. Brown, who is in the Veterans Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The doctor said over five weeks ago he couldn't live but we know there is no power like God's power. Please pray for God to save his soul above everything.—Mrs. W. H. Smithhart, Indianola, Miss.

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Dear saints of God: Please pray for the Lord to undertake. Pray for my father who is suffering much from heart trouble and blood pressure. Also pray for my unsaved aunt, she is an unbeliever. She is sick and calling for prayer. The doctors seem to do her no good, but God is still on the throne. Please pray for me, I have a request the Lord knows all about.—A sister, Alpha Davis, Ludowici, Ga.

Revival Needed in Which God Giveth the Increase

HUNTINGTON, W. Va. — "I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong....." Eccl. 9:11.

While I realize that the Huntington Church of God is not among the swiftest in West Virginia in making progress or the strongest in number, yet I do believe we are progressing spiritually, and we are looking forward prayerfully to the future.

Sunday, the 15th, we had our state overseer, Brother E. C. Clark, with us in two helpful services. Brother Clark is a godly, Spirit-filled man and one who feels inspired to press forward under His guidance and ministry.

April 19th we plan to start our revival with Brother R. H. Tadlock in charge. Huntington church needs a revival badly, but one in which "God giveth the increase," then we will not see so many souls wavering "like a wave of the sea, driven with the wind and tossed," but souls will be born into His kingdom, and we will have a church against which "the gates of hell shall not prevail." Please pray for us.—L. C. Davis, pastor.

Reaping the Fruits of Perseverance

PELZER, S. C.—We are glad to let the saints know how the Lord is blessing us at Pelzer. When Brother P. A. Heaton was sent here as pastor at the last Assembly, he found the church practically dead, the Sunday School and Y. P. E. were disbanded, but by the help of God, he went to work, prayed hard and pushed forward, even coming fifty miles in disagreeable weather, the roads almost impassable with heavy snows, but now he sees the fruits of perseverance.

When the writer was chosen superintendent of the Sunday School, we had eight in attendance. Last Sunday we were presented the state Sunday School banner—our attendance had reached ninety-one. At the beginning of this year there was not a subscriber for the Evangel here, now every active member has it in his home. We also stand one hundred per cent on missions and aged ministers' fund. We ask each of you to help us pray for a one hundred per cent revival. —Yours for Christ, R. L. Carithers, S. S. Superintendent.

Encouraged and Working Hard

BAXLEY, Ga.—I praise our King for the way He blessed in our district convention. The Lord was with us from the first until the last. It seemed that every speaker was at his best and the Lord was with them in giving their messages. Brother Oglesby of Macon, Ga., filled Brother J. P. Hughes' place and he was filled up and running over with good messages from the Lord. Everybody enjoyed having Brother Oglesby with us and he will find a hearty welcome on the Hazlehurst district any time.

The district overseer , Brother J. A. Hipps, had the convention at heart and did everything he could to put it over. We are looking forward to our state convention and are working hard to have everything put over the top by that time. We are encouraged to fight the battle to the end. Pray for us at Baxley. —A sister in Christ, Mrs. J. A. Hipps.

Seeking A Closer Walk With Jesus

LOUISA, Ky.—Dear Evangel readers: I thank God that I have Jesus in my soul. I received the blessed Holy Ghost on Feb. 15, 1936. It is wonderful to express. My husband and I are both members of the dear old Church of God. He hasn't received the baptism yet but is seeking. Pray for him, dear brothers and sisters.

We still have no church building here but are holding services in a brother and sister's home. Brother Delona Rose of Naugatuck, W. Va. is our pastor. There is a new Church of God at Louisa, Ky., Rt. 2. They have services in an old schoolhouse. Brother Rose and others furnished it with seats, a stove, and lights, and have begun services there regularly. It is several miles from our place but we are attending all we can. We are expecting our district overseer with us in a few days to begin a revival. It is a new place so we covet your prayers. We have a saints' meeting each Sunday afternoon and there are several praying for a closer walk with Jesus, some seeking the baptism, some sanctification. May God's richest blessing be on every member of the Church of God.—Your sister, Mrs. M. T. Preece, clerk.

The Lord Came Down and Healed

WYTHEVILLE, Va. — Dear saints: Tonight I sit thinking of the Lord and His goodness to me and my family. I was suffering very much with a severe pain in my left lung and a cough which I had almost continuously. I sent a request to the Evangel, also a handkerchief to be anointed. Thank the Lord, the hurting is all gone. I cough only when I have a cold. Please continue to pray for me. I have been trusting the Lord for nearly fourteen years and find Him the healer of everything, for there is nothing impossible with Him. Oh, how good and wonderful is He who was wounded for our transgressions, and by His stripes we are healed. Glory to God, what a wonderful Savior.

I must mention another great healing. My husband had blood poison in his foot. As many know, he has had ulcerated limbs for about eleven years. One ankle on the foot that had blood poison enlarged very much. One night about one o'clock we sent for some of the saints. We all prayed with Sister Barr from Pine Grove, W. Va., who is a great woman in prayer, and oh, how the Lord came down and healed. Now his ankle is almost back to normal and he has not suffered any since. Why should we not praise such a wonderful Savior?

I have an unspoken request which I know the Lord can undertake for, so pray much for Him to bless, also that our girl may be protected from spinal meningitis which is going among children. We are trusting Him.—Your sister in the Lord, Mrs. Bun E. Hicks, 360 Calhoun St.

Best Revival In Three Years

MAN, W. Va.—I thank God, whom I serve continuously, that I can report victory in my soul just now. The way gets brighter every day I live for my God. I am more determined to live for God now than I've ever been. I really praise God for the good revival He gave us in January. It was the best revival we have had for three years or more. Thirty-two were saved, fourteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, eight added to the church, and twelve baptized in water.

The Church of God here has been in the valley for sometime. It is some better now, but not on the mountain top yet, so everyone who reads this please pray for the church at Mallory, W. Va. It is in a good location but the devil has always fought it here. It seems to me that it is fought worse than any church in the state of West Virginia. Everyone who reads this pray for me to ever be faithful to God.—A sister under the blood, Rinda Ramey.

Pressing the Battle For God

JASONVILLE, Ind. — About two weeks before the Assembly Sister Conrad dropped in to stay with us for a two weeks' meeting. Seventeen received the Holy Ghost and a goodly number were sanctified.

On Jan. 6th Brother M. M. Mortenson and wife were in charge of a three weeks' meeting. Thirty-one were saved, three filled with the Holy Ghost, and the saints were very much encouraged to go on and press the battle for God.—Fred Puckett, pastor.

Death Notices

DANIELS

Brother Steve Daniels died March 18, 1936. He has been a faithful member of the Church of God for about thirteen years. Interment was made in the Eupora cemetery. — His daughter-in-law, Nettie Daniels, Eupora, Miss.

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SKIDMORE

Inez Skidmore died Feb. 6, 1936, at the age of twelve years. She was a regular attendant at the Church of God mission at East Lake, Ala. Please pray for the salvation of her mother. The funeral was conducted by Brother Mortlock and the writer.—H. L. Kitchen.

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KEPHART

Sister Lucy Kephart died Feb. 1, 1936, at the age of sixty-one years. She was a charter member of the Church of God at Lawton, Okla. Interment was made in the Highland cemetery. Brother W. M. Ford, pastor, conducted the funeral, with Brother Start of the Central Baptist church assisting.—Miss Hazel Pippin.

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TINDALE

Sister Docia Tindale died March 8, 1936, at the age of about fifty years. She had been a member of the Church of God at least four years and was a loving wife and mother. Funeral services were conducted by Brother Kirkland, pastor of Cross City and Wilcox, Fla., with closing remarks by Brother Luther Key. Interment was made in the Ellzey cemetery.—A sister in Christ, Flauda Ivebrit, Otter Creek, Fla.

NOTICES

Due to the fact that the churches in Harlan county, Ky. are closed on account of spinal meningitis, and Lynch and Cumberland churches where I pastor will be closed for sometime, I am open for calls in the evangelistic fields. Anyone desiring a revival, please write me. For reference write J. C. Jernigan, E. C. Clark, J. H. Walker, General Overseer. The Lynch and Cumberland churches have been closed for thirty days.—S. B. McCane, Cumberland, Ky., Box 544.

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The Rock Hill, Miss. district convention will convene April 10-12 at Oak Ridge church. We expect all the deacons and ministers of the district to be present at the first service. We extend our invitation to our friends from other districts. —W. F. Sharp, Union, Miss.

Looking For God to Bless

LAWTON, Okla.—The Church of God, 902 Lee Blvd. and 9th St. invites you fathers, mothers, and children to Sunday School. We have a Sunday School you will like. Everybody is welcome. Sister Cuba Morris, evangelist from Texas, will begin a revival here April 19. We invite everyone to come hear Sister Morris. Our church is located in the south part of Lawton. We believe in the whole gospel for every man, woman, and child. If you are looking for a blessing from the Lord, come over to 902 Lee Blvd. The Lord is still blessing down here. We have a good clean band of folks who stand for the right. We have friends who do not belong to this church, who stand by us in all our needs and we thank the Lord for them.

Our convention of the Lawton district will convene May 7-9; it will continue through the Sunday night service. Come over, we will do thee good. We will have about three weeks jammed full of good things for all. We are looking for the Lord to give us an old-time revival. He has promised us souls for our hire and we have been working for Him. There have been many years of seed sowing here at Lawton and it seems to me it is time to harvest some of the real grain. Churches on the district are: Faxon, R. S. Collins, pastor; Binger, B. F. Cooper, pastor; Hobart, A. C. Atchley, pastor; Lawton, W. M. Ford, district pastor. We are in need of some evangelists to work on the district. There are so many places asking for meetings and we can't get any one. Oklahoma surely is a ripe field. If you are out of work, write me giving reference. Pray for us at Lawton.—W. M. Ford, district pastor.

Glad For Great Revival

COFFEYVILLE, Kans.—Our meeting which Brother E. B. Culpepper began in February with his courageous sermons and songs ended with a great success. We had our beloved state overseer, Brother J. M. Snyder, with us for a week. We were all so glad to hear those good soul-feeding sermons. We closed the revival a few days and Brother Jimmie Foshe of St. Joseph, Mo., came by and spent a few nights. Our small building couldn't hold the people who came to hear this good preaching. Twenty-five were saved, ten sanctified, and five filled with the Holy Ghost. We are so glad for this great revival.—C. C. Rains, pastor and district pastor, 115 Grace St.

Thankful For Faithful Workers

W. GASTONIA, N. C.—Dear Evangel readers: We are glad to report victory. In reading the Evangel today, the message on "Prayer" put a thrill in my soul. I like to pray and talk to God. I thank the Lord for the message our much loved state overseer, Brother John L. Stephen, wrote on "An Honest Heart".

I really praise the Lord for sending Brother and Sister T. F. Blackwell to West Gastonia. They surely have been faithful and stood by the church in every way. We also thank the Lord for Sister Docie Giles, the pianist, for her faithfulness, and Sister Johnson the president of our Ladies' Aid. We meet at our pastor's home on Fridays.

One of our faithful members, Brother D. H. Hinson, went to his reward. He was loved by every one and was loyal to the Church in every way.

We thank the Lord for our faithful church clerk and his good wife, Brother and Sister Dover. I ask each one who reads this to pray for me. I want to be an overcomer and be ready when Jesus comes. Pray for my unsaved brothers and sisters.—Humbly yours, Bonnie Wallace.

"For I am the Lord, I Change Not"

PINE GROVE, W. Va.—This evening as we sit and meditate about the changing times and how men try to pervert the gospel of Jesus Christ, we are made to rejoice, for the Lord changeth not. God's hand is not shortened that it cannot save.

We are glad to report victory here in Pine Grove. We just closed a three weeks' revival with Evangelist M. M. Mortenson of Shelburn, Ind., bringing the message from night to night. We were made to feel our need of a closer walk with the Lord. Many were hungry for the Lord, and oh, how God did bless. It seemed as though we were in the midst of a camp meeting, Surely the Lord was in this place. Thirty-four were saved, four sanctified and filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and seven took fellowship with the church.

Sunday morning after Sunday School we had communion service. Sunday night the building was filled to its capacity. The evangelist brought a message of hope to all those who would believe. In closing he read 23rd Psalm. God was made manifest in our midst and conviction grasped the hearts of many. We want you who read this to pray for the Church of God at Pine Grove, W. Va. We believe ere long it will be one of the best churches in West Virginia.—Your brother in Christ, Edwin M. Mortenson.

NOTICES

To all the churches on the Mallory, W. Va. district: There will be a home coming at Mallory Easter Sunday and we want all the ministers and laity on the district to be sure to come. Be sure to bring a well-filled basket as there will be dinner on the ground. We are expecting Brother Clark, our state overseer, to be with us, also other ministers from other districts. There will be several messages, also special singing and music. Come praying, and singing, and let's have a good time in the Lord. We specially want the saints on Long Branch and Clear Fork districts to come. We also extend a welcome to the churches on the Logan district. We are beginning a revival April 5, D. V., so pray that God will bless. This is a hard place but God is blessing. Last year not a soul was saved but since the Assembly we had one revival and God gave us fifty experiences. We are looking for more in the next meeting. Come on, Mallory district, and let's go over the top for our Savior.—Yours for lost souls, J. F. Lowe, district overseer.

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The Northwest camp meeting and convention convenes this year on the camp site in Minot, N. Dak., beginning at 7:00 p. m., June 27, to July 5, inclusive. Five states and the Province of Sask., Canada are represented in this annual feast. We are expecting the greatest camp meeting this year that we have ever had. The General Overseer, Brother J. H. Walker, will be with us some of the time at least. Accommodations will be better than ever before. We have two cabins on the camp site with another one in construction. There is also another building soon to be started, and I should like for you to begin planning for this annual feast. Brother F. W. Lemons will be chairman of the entertainment committee. For information and reservations, write him for particulars. If you are interested in constructing a cabin on the camp site, write me for full information. If you build this year, you will do well as we are receiving a cut on material which will be for your benefit, if you build soon. Those wishing to write me, address Box 520, Minot, N. Dak.—Your brother, Paul H. Walker, state overseer of Northwest district.

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The Rock Hill, S. C. district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention will convene at Fort Mill, S. C., Brother Willie Lee, pastor. Every church on the district is urged to have a good delegation present. Brother C. F. Grant, state superintendent, will officiate. All neighboring churches are invited to attend this great feast of the Lord. The date for this convention will be April 18th and 19th.—E. L. Jacobs, district overseer, Rock Hill, S. C.

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Our Brother T. L. Little of Washington, N. C., feeling called of the Lord, in praying for the sick, anointing handkerchiefs, and in divine healing service, wishes to announce that he is ready to answer calls in this service for the Lord, anywhere in the State. Our acquaintance with Brother Little and his wife, justifies us in saying they are good, humble, conscientious people, fully trusting the Lord, and the Lord uses them in this work. We would advise, however, that expenses be remembered, either on trips, or by mail, when they serve. Their address is Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Little, Route 3, Washington, N. C.—John L. Stephens, overseer of North Carolina.

REQUESTS

I want all who read this to please pray for my brother who has had a stroke. Also pray for my dad, brothers and sisters who are in sin. Pray for our revival.—A sister in Jesus, L. F. Cook, New Port Richey, Fla.

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Dear saints everywhere: Please pray a special prayer for the healing of Dewey Laxton's body. He has a cancer on his leg. God is able to heal that as well as anything else. He is also a sinner, so ask God to save him.—A sister in the Church of God, Mrs. Van D. Browning, Davin, W. Va.

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We thank God for the Church of God at Hilliard, Fla. We desire the prayers of all our brothers and sisters for the little church. Pray that God will save souls. Also please pray for me that I will grow in grace and get stronger and have greater faith in Jesus. I have accepted Him as my Savior and belong to The Church of God. I have two unspoken requests which I ask you to pray for. Pray for me.—Your sister, Mrs. E. C. Crews, Hilliard, Fla.

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Dear saints of God everywhere: Please pray earnestly for God to direct us and help us get a place of our own for the Church of God mission at East Lake, if it is His will. Please pray for God to show me His will concerning me.—H. L. Kitchen, 225 S. 59th Way., Woodlawn, Ala.

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We have started a meeting at the Church of God at Walhalla, S. C., No. 1, conducted by the writer. We ask every child of God to pray that God will have His way and that many souls and backsliders will come back to the Lord. All preachers on the district, please come and be with us all you can and help us defeat the devil.—B. T. Sprouse, Box 134, Walhalla, S. C.

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Please pray a special prayer for the healing of my body. I had the flu and pleurisy in my side about nine weeks. I have gotten up a time or two but relapsed. Please don't read this and pass it up. If some one doesn't pray the prayer of faith, I'll not be here long. I'm depending on your prayers.—Ivy S. Crumpton, Adamsville, Ala.

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My niece, Elizabeth Coleman, was hurt in school and the doctor decided she had a clot on the brain and wanted her sent to the hospital. She had severe pains in her head and several times her mother thought she was dying but is holding on to God in prayer. Please remember her in prayer immediately. She is thirteen years old and is saved. Also remember my brother and sister-in-law in prayer, and their little child that they are expecting to die. They are both unsaved. Pray for my family.—Bertha Hugendubler, Rt. 1, Hershey, Pa.

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Dear saints of God: We are in a revival at Smithfield, N. C. Please pray for us that God will give us souls for our labor.—Edward Salter, pastor, Box 333, Selma, N. C.

STATE CONVENTIONS

California and Arizona State Convention
Corona, Calif., April 3, 4, 5.
W. G. WEBB, Overseer.

North Carolina State Convention
Charlotte, N. C., May 13-17
JOHN L. STEPHENS, Overseer

Georgia State Convention
May 7-10
Georgia Camp Meeting
Macon, Ga., July 9-19
J. P. HUGHES, Overseer

Tennesse State Convention
June 18-21
M. P. CROSS, Overseer

Northwest Camp Meeting and Convention
Minot, N. Dak., June 27-July 5
PAUL H. WALKER, Overseer

Work is one of the essentials of life; when we cease to work we cease to be of use to God or man.

Prophecy, Tongues, Knowledge Appointed for the Good of the Church

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Clarke's work: "All human arts and science, as being utterly useless in the eternal world, though so highly extolled, and useful here."

Prophecy concerning knowledge is, that knowledge would be increased in the last days, having reference to the church age (Dan. 12:4), men would run to and fro. We can see that coming to pass, which is fulfillment of prophecy. The master minds of today have invented machinery which has taken the place of labor, also they have, by applying knowledge, invented this and that for the good of the people of the twentieth century. But we conclude that even though this is true now, and does exist now, it shall not always be so, for knowledge shall vanish away, or cease.

The knowledge of man is limited, but the knowledge of the Lord is unlimited. The knowledge of man is partial, but the knowledge of the Lord is in full. Men are weak, God is strong. We now see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. We know in part, and we prophesy in part. (To be continued.)

PRAYER

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to pray to get saved, but I want to say here that I prayed much to get saved and I have to keep praying to stay saved. Oh, if I could say something to make you see the need of prayer as I do, I feel sure you all would pray more and more sincere, and we could sing together, SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER. Pray for me to stay where the Lord can use me.

EDITORIALS

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tion and the final destruction of Antichrist and all his forces. We can see the spirit of the Antichrist working today in every government of the world. Confusion, unrest, greed, and selfishness are displayed on every hand, and only for the prayers of the mighty and holy people can we feel that destruction of all religious forces is being delayed. May God help us to be faithful.

If there ever has been a time in all the world when those who profess the name of Christ should seek Him with a whole heart, which certainly will bring the full blessing, it is the day in which we live. Of all the things that are detrimental to God's kingdom and His Church, it is the divided opinions and teachings of those who profess to know Him.

I have been asked the question, What will it take to bring the lovers of religion to oneness, and bring the Church to perfection? I must say that I have failed to find a satisfactory answer without it would be the persecution that is now going on in many countries and seems to be cropping out in our land of liberty and love. It does seem that the working powers of the Holy Ghost on the hearts and minds of the leaders and counsellors of religion would bring us to an awakening, but, strange to say, in every age persecutions and martyrdom have brought those who wish to be like their Savior into a oneness of mind and heart, also organization. It was the persecution that brought Martin Luther and other of the pioneer leaders and preachers back to repentance and heartfelt salvation. It was persecution that brought Wesley and those who stood with him to accept sanctification.

After the crucifixion and absence of Jesus and the longing of the hearts of His followers for comfort, rest and protection, they received the blessed baptism on the day of Pentecost. When we read the plain promises that Jesus gave them in John 14:16, 26; John 15:26; it makes us wonder why they were despondent and felt so forsaken, but all these things must accompany a yearning heart in order to receive the blessed baptism. When we take a retrospective view of all the working powers of the Holy Ghost since the day of Pentecost, and go back and trace up all prophecies concerning this church age, we see that all these prophecies have been fulfilled, and whether you are ready to meet Jesus or not we certainly are up to the time, in my opinion, for His coming to catch away His people from this earth. May we all prayerfully and with the fear of God in our hearts seek to know His will and be ready for this great day that is just ahead for this is the next great event that will take place.

Prayer Brought A Revival

NOKOMIS, Fla.—Dear saints: I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost not very long ago. I prayed for a revival to come to this small town and praise His name, one came. It ran four weeks. There were three dear sisters saved and sanctified, and baptized by Brother L. J. Keys and Brother J. A. Smith, one Sunday not very long ago. May God ever bless them for telling these people of God's wonderful words.

Pray for my husband and son that they may become children of God, also pray for our Sunday School that we may make a success of teaching our children to come to Jesus.

Thank the Lord for the Church of God. I feel like a different person. Praise the Lord for healing me. Pray for me that I will be wholly given up to God and be used for His glory. Please pray that another revival will come and get hold of the hearts of these people.—A sister of God, Lula Boone.

The Saints Were All Revived

Dear saints: I praise the Lord for His goodness to me, for the blessed Holy Ghost. I have lots to praise Him for. He has healed my body and saved my soul. I am glad I have found the blessed way. Pray for me that I will be humble and stay at the foot of the cross.

We had a wonderful meeting here at Decatur. The Lord wonderfully blessed. The power of God fell in a mighty way and the saints were all revived. Pray for the services here and that we will grow stronger in the Lord.—A sister in Christ, Mrs. Lizzie Carter, 1128 Chestnut St., Decatur, Ala.

Winning Over the Enemy

RODERFIELD, W. Va.—I thank the Lord for being so good to us, the little band of saints at Roderfield. The enemy has tried hard to keep holiness from being preached here, but praise the dear Lord, we have services anyway. Souls are getting saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. We are looking forward to a time when we will be able to build a church of our own. Pray for this place. Brother England has been faithful in preaching for us. While we have been without a building we have had services in the homes.—Hazel Gills, clerk.

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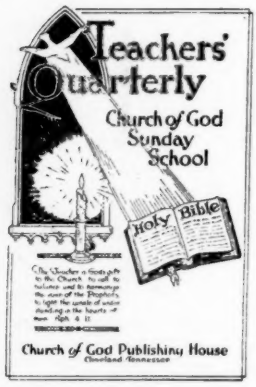

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